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Subject: RE: new 1431 petition?

Thanks for flagging this; I hadn't heard about it. I will put it on the weekly.

From: Wehling, Carrie <Wehling.Carrie@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2020 11:59 AM
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Just saw this in the press. Looks like a new 1431 petition – if so, we should report out on it at the weekly.

FYI to Steve and Dawn.

Thanks.

Carrie

Associated Press: [EPA petition asks for action on tainted drinking water](#)

Eight state and national health and environment groups are asking the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to take emergency action because they say Oregon regulators have failed to curb nitrate contamination in drinking water sources near large dairies and feedlots. The groups filed a Safe Drinking Water Act petition with the EPA Thursday, saying the contamination presents "an imminent and substantial endangerment to the health of the residents of the Lower Umatilla Basin in Oregon." It asks for six specific actions, including supplying free drinking water to affected residents, and banning any new dairies or feedlots from opening in the area — which includes Hermiston, Boardman and Irrigon — until nitrate concentrations fall.

Related from Food & Water Watch: [Groups Petition EPA to Take Emergency Action On Chronic Groundwater Pollution in Rural Oregon](#)

Related from Statesman Journal: [EPA petition asks for emergency action on tainted drinking water in Eastern Oregon](#)

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